CAMP WHITE
GRENADE II

"PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE"

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the year end approaches and having been an active Corporation for only one year and four months, the Camp White Historical Association views with pride our accomplishments. Currently, with a non-profit status, our application to up-grade to tax exempt is now being processed by the IRS and hopefully will be approved within the next 100 days. Our Chairman of the Monument Committee advises that he expects to have the completed plans from the architect by the end of the year. Our membership has reached the 125 mark and our Editor of your newsletter strives to keep you informed of our progress. The Board of Directors greatly appreciate the strong support of you, the members, for your contributions to the collection of memorabilia. The Treasurer will be mailing renewal notices during the year as the anniversary date of your membership becomes due. The Curator of Collections wishes you to know that the Veterans Day display of many of your donations was a great success over the three day period at the Talent Historical Society hall. Your items are not gathering dust. They are being enjoyed by the viewing public.

The Camp White Historical Association wishes all of you a Joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with Happiness.

"No complaints, sir—except Comp'ny K is puttin' rocks in its snowballs again."

FROM THE CURATOR

Perhaps of interest to all members nationwide was our participation in the Veteran"s Day (Armistice Day) World War II display in Talent Oregon. The Talent Historical Society hosted this three day event Nov. 11, 12, and 13th at their facility in Talent. They invited our Camp White Hist. Assoc. to display some of our memorabilia for public viewing. A good part of our display were photos of Camp White during period of training. A large map of the camp showing the location of all units of the 91st Division, the Post troops, and the buildings they occupied was shown. Accompanying this map were engineers photos of each type of building on the cantonment. All photos were encased in sheet protector mounted on a display board which was held at eye level on easels. On a similar display board were documents, unit citations and an aerial view with the route of the 91 mile march, along with a certificate that was awarded to each man that completed the march. A third display board of our exhibit contained photos of the 91st Division during the different stages of the Italian Campaign. Two ten foot tables held equipment and souvenirs of WWII not suitable for wall mounting.

Security of your donated items took first priority. A CWHA member, myself included, were at the display at all times.

A description card describing each item and the name of the donor was displayed with each piece. Chances were that one of your donated items was at this event. Our collection of memorabilia continues to grow and our thanks to you and our donors for your great support.

Other participants at this event were the Southern Oregon Military Vehicle Collector's Club, Oregon Army National Guard, the Red Cross, and the Southern Ore. Historical Soc. The event received a lot of publicity through the media (local newspapers, radio, and TV), brought many people from all over the area to the event. Many people praised the CWHA display and our mission - to preserve the history of Camp White and the men and women who built it, worked, and trained there.

Mel Cotton
Vice President /
Curator of Collections

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The Camp White Historical Association name is becoming more known and recognized, now that we have been around a little over a year.

We have been conferring with the other historical societies in our area. Some are new and starting out as we are.

Since we are the newest of these historical groups, we have been receiving a wealth of information and help on how to get established.

We have made many good friends and they have been very helpful and supportive of the CWHA.

One group, the Talent Historical Society, invited us to participate in their Veteran's Day services and WWII display. The event was a great success. The event gave us the opportunity to show what the CWHA is all about. We made many new friends and contacts. Several hundred people from all over the area attended the event, all seemed to be impressed with what they saw and heard.

The ladies of the Talent Historical Society, Susan Molder, Betty Welburn, and Judy Bunch did an outstanding job of putting on a very impressive and patriotic event, honoring the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II.

The CWHA extends our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Talent Historical Society, for inviting us to participate in their Veteran's Day Services.

Also a big thanks of gratitude goes out to YOU, the members of the CWHA , who care enough to support the cause of this organization. With your membership, input, and donations you are helping to preserve the history of Camp White.

Out of this event, we have been invited to display at a local grade school for their American History studies. Thus we are accomplishing what the CWHA has set out to do - PRESERVE THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE - keeping alive the history of Camp White and what America's freedom has cost.

In this issue of the "Camp White Grenade II" are newspaper articles from the Medford Mail Tribune dated 1942. We have been researching publications and newspaper articles that pertain to Camp White in order to compile accurate data on it's history. Listed on these pages are some of these articles that you might be interested in. August 15, 1942 article on the activation of the 91st Infantry Division. Adds listed in the Medford Mail Tribune by local Medford businesses and organizations showing their support , patriotism, and pride that existed for the camp and it's soldiers. Sept. 10, 1942 article honoring Major General George A. White who the camp was named after.

We are in a desperate race to preserve Camp White history. Publications (newspapers- magazines- books), memorabilia (personal gear- G.I. gear- Camp White items-photos), stories and personal histories of the soldiers and civilians who worked and trained at the camp. All these items are disappearing and being lost to future generations. We are trying to locate and preserve as many items of - Camp White, and the 91st & 96th Infantry Divisions - as possible. The CWHA needs your help in the search of locating this history before it is lost forever.

PHOTO AT RIGHT TAKEN AT THE TALENT VETERAN'S DAY EVENT LEFT TO RIGHT: ROY ERICKSON/ MEMBERSHIP - MEL COTTON/ VICE PRESIDENT & CURATOR - MIKE NEWLUN/ NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

91st Division Reactivation Edition

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS FROM THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE "91ST DIVISION REACTIVATION EDITION" AUGUST 14, 1942

PROGRAM STARTS 10 A.M. SATURDAY AT CAMP WHITE

Visitors Allowed to Tour Reservation From 8 a.m.
Demonstrations planned

Amid impressive ceremonies and demonstrations of military training and maneuvers, America's 91st Infantry Division under command of Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, will be reactivated in a gigantic army show at Camp White Saturday morning, August 15.

Before the eyes of an expected 10,000 civilians, the battle-torn colors of the fighting 91st of World War I will be presented to this reorganized division of the same name, whose men may someday create for themselves a World War II record equal to that made by their predecessors.

Public Invited

Invited to attend the activation ceremonies are all members of the original 91st Division organizations, all ex-servicemen and the general public. There will be no charge, and special seating accommodations are being constructed for the huge throng expected.

The ceremonial program will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Starting at 8 a.m. all who desire will be taken on army conducted tours of the vast military reservation to view exhibits and inspect the living, recreational, and training facilities of Camp White. As this will probably be the last time civilians will be allowed in certain parts of the camp, all persons in southern Oregon are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to see the "inside" of an army base of this type.

All business establishments in the city, with the exception of food markets, have been asked by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, to remain closed Saturday morning and up to 1 p.m. to allow employes to attend the ceremonial. Under direction of the Salvation Army doughnuts and coffee will be served to the thousands of visitors.

Demonstrations Slated

Demonstrations of military training on the program will include calisthenics by the 361st Infantry Regiment, jiu-jitsu and disarming scrimmage by the 362nd Infantry Regiment, anti-tank maneuvers by the 363rd Infantry Regiment, wall scaling by the 362nd Infantry Regiment, dismounted drill by the 363rd Infantry Regiment and a silent drill demonstration by a platoon of officers.

Special honor to the four men of the original 91st Division who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in the first world war, will be accorded during the ceremony. The men are Major Oscar F. Miller of Los Angeles, who was killed in the Argonne offensive, Philip C. Katz of San Francisco and Lloyd M. Seibert of Salinas, Calif., and Chester H. West of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

To Dedicate Tree

The ceremony will also include dedications of the 91st division fir tree, the insignia of the old 91st which has been retained by the new 91st; roll call of the battle dead of the old 91st, presentation of the old 91st colors to the new 91st and the speech of acceptance by Major General Gerhardt.

On exhibit at the "open house" will be guns and equipment of 346th, 247th, 348th and 916th battalions of the 91st division artillery weapons and equipment of the 316th Medical Battalion, 416th Quartermaster Battalion and the 91st division Signal company and arms and equipment of the division's two other units, the 91st Reconnaissance Troops and the 136th Engineer Battalion.

Under the chairmanship of Brigadier General E. S. Ott, division artillery commander, 91st veterans of the first world conflict will stage a stirring program, including the presentation of their colors to the new 91st. At noon, the 91st veterans will be guests at a mess with the units with which they served in 1917-1919.

"POWDER RIVER LET 'ER BUCK"

A SALUTE TO THE 91ST

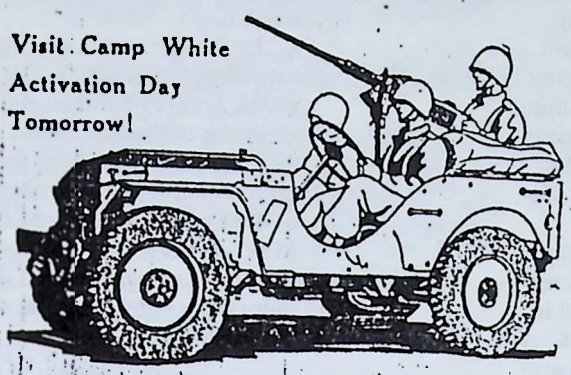
To the members of the OLD 91st Division, whose valor at Meuse-Argonne and Ypres-Lys will long be remembered . . . and to members of the NEW 91st Division now in training at Camp White, we extend a most cordial Greeting. Upon the occasion of the "open house" tomorrow morning at Camp White, the old veterans and new soldiers will gather with the people of Jackson County. It is an occasion that none should miss. Many of the civilian guests of the 91st tomorrow are honorary members of this famous division—an honor bestowed upon all who have recently bought WAR BONDS to outfit the 91st. And so, in greeting the OLD and NEW 91st members we add a salute to the HONORARY members of the 91st—they are doing their part, too!

Welcome 91st Division

We Extend a Hearty Welcome to the New

91st DIVISION

Visit Camp White Activation Day Tomorrow!



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WELCOME

JACKSON COUNTY'S OWN

91st DIVISION

In behalf of the people of this area, the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce extends a cordial welcome to OLD and NEW members of the 91st Division. We urge everyone to attend the reactivation ceremonies of this famous division at Camp White tomorrow—August 15th—at 10 a. m. This county is justly proud of Camp White and the men who will serve in the new 91st. Let everyone give tangible evidence of this pride by attending the impressive reactivation ceremonies tomorrow.

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JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

WELCOME . . .

91st. Division

Here's Hoping You'll Do As Good a Job As the Old 91st

The Officers and Men of the 91st are doing their part —are you doing yours?

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS

Visit Camp White Activation Day Saturday

Owl Club

Men In Uniform Always Welcome

WELCOME
91st. Division

Buy War Bonds to Buy Bullets for the Soldier You Just Passed!

Visit Camp White Activation Day—Saturday

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IS FROM THE MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE
WEDNSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1942

Distinguished Service Medal Posthumous Award to White At Cantonment Ceremonial

The Distinguished Service medal, one of the highest honors the government can bestow on an American soldier, was posthumously awarded to Major General George A. White yesterday afternoon as civilian and military dignitaries, some 1,500 invited guests, and officers and men of the Service Command Unit 1913, Camp White, gathered on the reservation to formally dedicate the gigantic cantonment named after Oregon's most distinguished fighting man.

The medal, presented to Mrs. George A. White, wife of the late chief of Oregon's National Guard, by Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Ft. Douglas, Utah, commanding general, Ninth Service Command, carried the following citation: "For exceptionally meritorious responsibility as commanding general, 41st Infantry Division."

Soldiers Soldier

Calling Major General White "a soldier's soldier and a brilliant one," Major General Joyce read the remainder of the citation while Mrs. White's eyes filled proudly:

"Upon the outbreak of war in Europe in September, 1939, he foresaw the eventual involvement of the United States and took vigorous and immediate steps to prepare his division for induction into the federal service. One week after induction was ordered, Major General White had established his entire division in camp. He maintained his division at a high state of morale, discipline and efficiency.

"Despite his fatal illness which had its start in June, 1941, Major General White successfully led his division through two maneuvers in the summer of that year. Only when these difficult tasks were completed did he allow his fellow officers to pursuade him to undergo medical treatment.

"Entered the military service from Oregon. Next of kin: Mrs. Henrietta F. White (widow), Clackamas, Oregon."

Plaque Unveiled

Following presentation of the medal to Mrs. White, she unveiled the simple dedication plaque upon which is inscribed: "Camp White, named in memory of Major General George A. White of Oregon, dedicated by Service Command Unit 1913, September 15, 1942, Mrs. George A. White, guest of honor."

In a shaking voice, Mrs. White thanked Major General Joyce for the medal and said: "I am proud to be here today as the wife of the man you are honoring, who still carried on though desperately ill when the call came for active duty.

"In his relations with his command he was always deeply concerned with the men's problems, and was pleased and happy in his relations with his soldiers. I am proud to know that you are creating a living and lasting memory to General White by naming this magnificent camp for him."

Before disclosing the posthumous awarding of the D. S. M. to Major General White, Major General Joyce declared: "He was a prophet, and had the country heeded his teachings and his brilliantly written warn-

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HONOR BESTOWED ON GEN. WHITE AT CAMP CEREMONY

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ings of years ago we would not have been so unprepared to meet our enemies when war came last December. He had the vision and the foresight to realize what could happen, but in the complacency of a sheltered peace our country could not see the danger he foresaw.

"As a soldier he was everything that could be wished for—courageous, loyal, energetic, resourceful, and yet with a human understanding that must be part of pre-eminent leadership. When his final illness came upon him he had made of the 41st division the most efficient national guard combat unit in the army."

Governor Lauds

Governor Charles A. Sprague paid high tribute to Major General White as an Oregonian. He said: "Although he grew up and attended school in Utah, he was a true Oregonian, transplanted here to grow up staunch and loyal. He fully established himself in the hearts of all persons in this state, and I can testify to the fact he was a most loyal Oregonian.

"Here, in this very fine climate and location," the governor said, "will assemble the flower of our manhood to carry on the war, and I keenly recognize the appropriations of this location for the training of our soldiers."

Governor Sprague told of how Major General White spent a third of a century in the Oregon National Guard, joining in 1907 after coming to the state in 1904 and obtaining a position as a reporter on the Portland Oregonian. "He was held in the highest esteem by fellow officers of the regular army and other national guard units," the governor said.

"Despite the fact George White was in the army in one capacity or another virtually all his life after his 47th birthday, he was also a great civilian and a great American," declared Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Portland Oregonian, in speaking on "General George A. White, Civilian."

Met Every Test

Stating that George White met every test of good citizenship, Hoyt said: "As a civilian and an American he left an indelible stamp on his state and on his country. A lover of life, George White was not afraid of death; ambitious, he was never an opportunist; an extremely busy man, he never failed to give aid to those who sought it. He was a wise counsellor, a talented writer, a brilliant soldier and a great American."

Colonel Owen R. Meredith, commanding officer of Camp White and Service Command Unit 1913, introduced the speakers, and at the conclusion of the ceremony thanked the guests attending and particularly the speakers, who traveled some distances to participate in the dedication. He remarked that in August the Service Command Unit, Camp White, bought war bonds with 7½ per cent of its total pay and "we are going to do better than that this month."

The invocation was given by the Rev. George H. Swift of Saint Paul's Episcopal church, Salem; the benediction by Chaplain C. H. Johnson, Service Command Unit, Camp White. Pvt. Oliver F. Lapitsky played a piano solo and accompanied a soldier quintet which sang "Home on the Range" and "God Bless America." Following the ceremony many of the invited guests were served dinner at the officers' mess.

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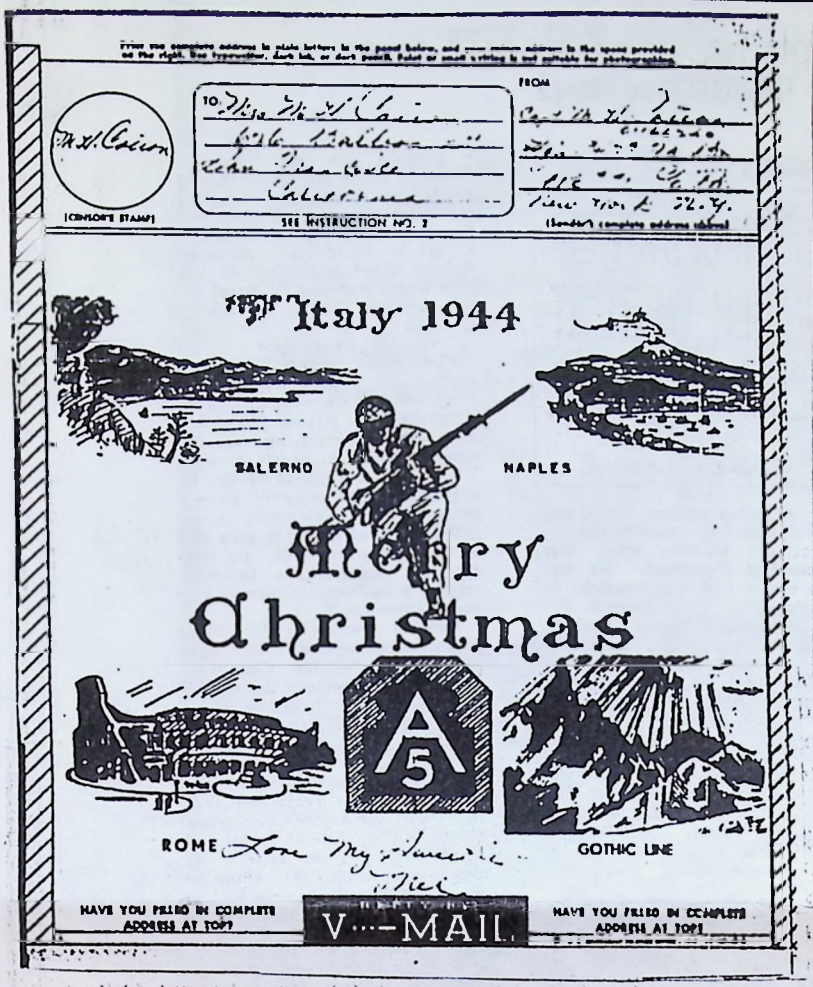

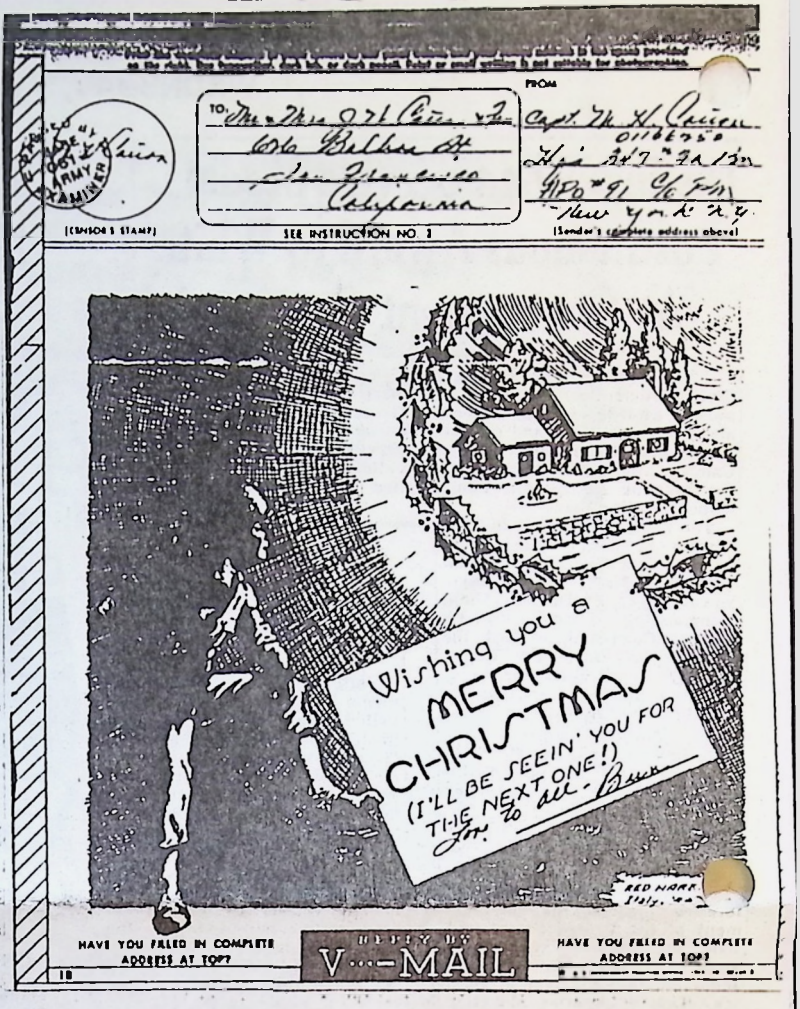
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(I'LL BE SEEIN' YOU FOR THE NEXT ONE!)
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I'm dreaming of a white Christmas . . .

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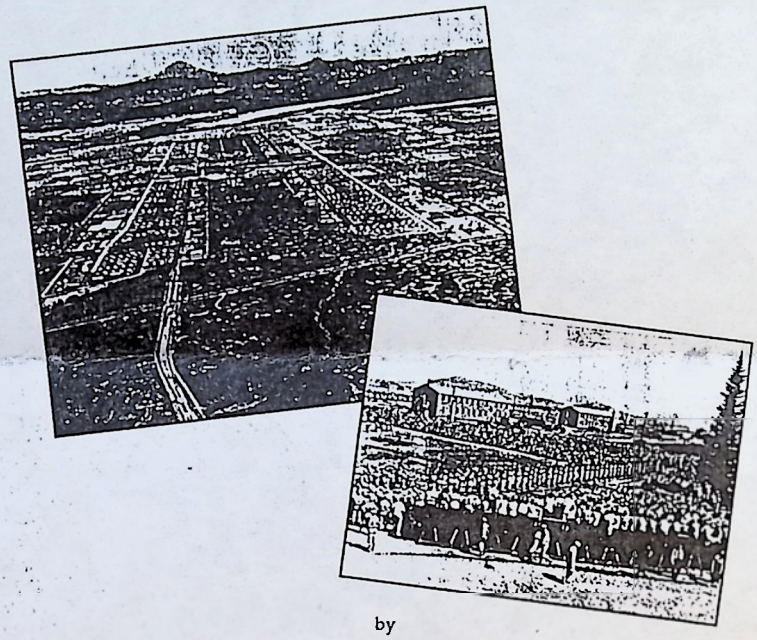

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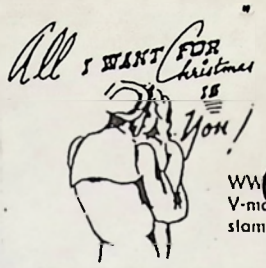

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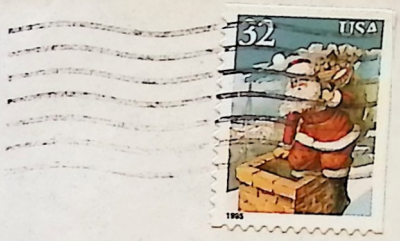

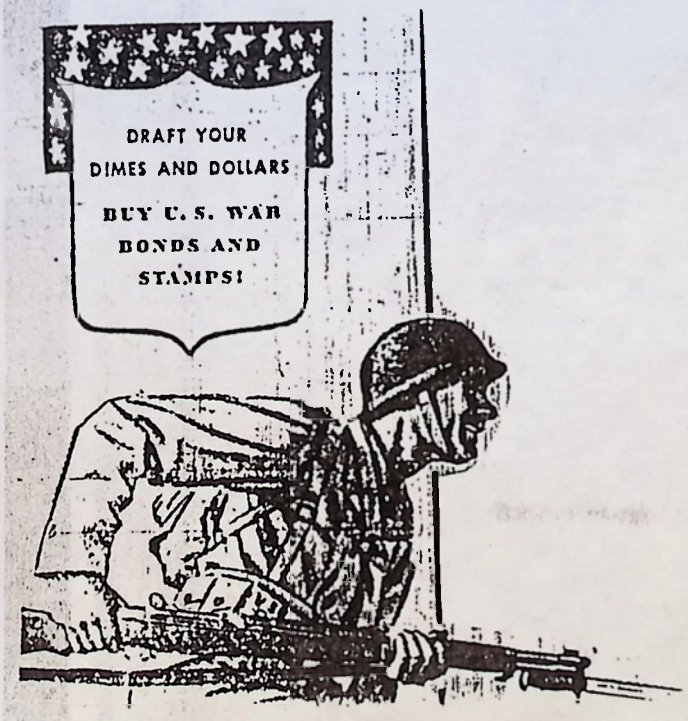

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